

## Barrett Paradise Friendly Library Board of Trustees Meeting

February 26, 2024

Meeting held in the Weiler Family Community Room with a virtual option

In Attendance: Mike Stein, President; Julie Wynne, Vice-President; Cindy Cook, Secretary (attended virtually). Trustees: Lisa Flanagan, Brette Fulton, Judi Jabara, Nancy Lewis, Julie Niering, Maureen Siglin, Darryl Speicher. Mary Ann Lewis, Library Director. Absent: Richard Leist, Treasurer.

Mike Stein, President, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

The minutes of the January 22, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Lisa made a motion to approve the minutes, Darryl second, and all were in favor. Julie Niering abstained due to being absent from the January meeting.

Mike reviewed the Treasurer's report with the board. Mary Ann noted that the state aid money was received on February 6. Darryl made a motion to file the Treasurer's report for audit, Julie Niering second, and all were in favor.

**Library Director's Report** – Mary Ann reported our number of visitors is typical for this time of the year but also above last year's numbers. She reported all staff has completed several training sessions offered through the PA Library Association. She stated The Pocono Record did a recent interview and highlighted the fact that libraries offer more than just books. The Teen Action Board recently held a clothing drive and took the items to the clothing closet at B.A.R.C. She stated BRC 13 news did an interview for the clothing drive. The art display in the Weiler Family Community Room will change this week. Circulation is ahead of last year. Programing was a bit light in January but recent programs are going well. The mushroom cultivation program was very popular. Blind date with a book has been well received with varying opinions on the books selected. Mary Ann stated silent book clubs are becoming popular and we will offer one in March. Some discussion took place and it was suggested to possibly partner with other groups to offer this. The local author event will be held on April 13 which falls at the end of National Library Week. Different authors from last year's event will be invited.

**Building Report** – RJ Groner installed the geothermal unit. Currently six (6) of eight (8) units have been replaced. The tree that has fallen in the back is in a holding pattern as we are waiting on PPL to assess branches on the power lines. The back door has been repaired and the storeroom door lock will be repaired as soon as the part comes in. Discussion took place about the concrete repairs.

**Fundraising** – Friends Letter has generated \$19,128.23 with 221 donors. Last year's total has been surpassed. The Philadelphia Flower Show Bus Trip will probably not qualify as a fundraiser. It is more of a cultural event.

**Grants** – Carol Hillestad and Mary Ann are starting to work on applications for Hughes grants and will investigate if the HVAC repairs would qualify.

Discussion took place on Books and Bubbly and possibly bringing it back to the library as a fundraiser.

**New Business--** Mike Stein gave a report on the Library 2034 organization meeting. He stated the topics discussed were what the library could offer over the next ten (10) years. Also, the committee would like to get a better idea of what the library already offers. The committee will look at other libraries as well as state and national library organizations. The next committee meeting is March 14, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

Discussion took place about re-scheduling the May meeting since it falls on Memorial Day. It was decided to hold the meeting on the following day, Tuesday, May 28 at 5:30 p.m.

**Old Business** -Maureen Siglin spoke to Mickey Miller and Jackie Magann about the history of previous library directors and was able to fill in some of the blanks. Jackie Magann is continuing to do some research.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. with Julie Niering making a motion and Julie Wynne second, all were in favor.

Next meeting: Monday March 25, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Weiler Family Community Room with a virtual option.